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Geneva, 5 November 2015

Dear Dr Yoneyama and Professor Zhang,

I am pleased to confirm that we have received the decisions made by Professor Yihong Duan, Chair of the WWRP/Working Group for Tropical Meteorology Research (WGTMR), and Professor C.P. Chang, Chair of the WGTMR Monsoon Panel, to endorse the proposed Years of Maritime Continent (YMC) Project.

The endorsement is based on the discussions on the proposed YMC Project at the WGTMR Meeting held in Nanjing, China, 27-28 October 2015, during which it was concluded that the first and fifth scientific themes (Atmospheric Convection and Prediction Improvement, respectively) are very much in line with the primary objectives of the WGTMR Monsoon Panel and that of the WGTMR.

It should also be emphasized that the general thrust of the proposal is highly relevant to the research priorities and work programme outlined in the "Strategic Plan for the Implementation of the WMO's World Weather Research Programme (WWRP): 2009-2017.

This endorsement will also be included in the report by WGTMR to the Science Steering Committee of WWRP which will meet here in Geneva from 24-27 November this year.

We look forward to close collaborations of YMC and WGTMR Monsoon Panel Activities.

I wish you all success with your project.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Nanette Lomarda'.

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